

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2313.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

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### MISBRANDING OF ACETANILID AND SODIUM TABLETS.

On July 30, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Upjohn Co., a corporation, Kalamazoo, Mich., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. on or about February 3, 1911. from the State of Michigan into the State of Washington of a quantity of acetanilid and sodium tablets which were misbranded. The product was labeled: (On bottle) "1000 Tablets List No. 21 Acetanilide and Sodium Comp No. 1 Each tablet contains: Acetanilide, 3 1-2 grs. Sodium Bicarbonate, 9-10 gr. Sodium Bromide, 1-10 gr. Caffeine Citrated, 1-2 gr. The originators of Friable Pills. Guaranteed by the Upjohn Company under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906, Serial No. 2106, The Upjohn Company Originators of Friable Pills, Kalamazoo, Mich. 11875."

An analysis of samples of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: 50 tablets weighed 17.135 grains; acetanilid, not more than 54.79 per cent; caffeine, not more than 3.96 per cent. (Duplicate analysis) acetanilid, not more than 54.82 per cent; caffeine, not more than 4.20 per cent; average acetanilid per tablet, not more than 2.898 grs; average citrated caffeine per tablet, not more than 0.431 grain; shortage of acetanilid, 17.2 per cent; shortage of citrated caffeine, 14 per cent. Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that the label thereon bore the statements: "acetanilide 3 1-2 grs." and "caffeine, citrated, 1-2 gr.," which statements were false and misleading, as in truth and in fact the product contained a less amount of the substances named than stated on the label, to wit, 2.898 grains of acetanilid and 0.431 grains citrated caffeine per tablet.

On October 8, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

W. M. HAYS,

*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 5, 1913.*